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## **Village of South Greenfield Receives Approval of \$330,000 Grant and Loan Funds from USDA Rural Development**

Bruce Hively, Rural Development Specialist in Area 5, USDA Rural Development, presented a Mock Check in the amount of \$330,000 to Chairman George Wynes June 18, 2004, in a celebration held at the South Greenfield Village Hall. The mock check represents approval of \$65,000 loan funds and \$265,000 grant funds to be used for improvements to the sewer service to 64 residents/businesses. An additional \$20,000 loan was provided to cover all costs after the bidding process was complete. Improvements will also include construction of a central sewer system composed of gravity sewer collection lines and a 12,000 gallons per day recirculating sand filter wastewater treatment plant.



Peggy Gabbert, City Clerk, made this comment on behalf of the Village Council, "We are so proud of the residents of the Village of South Greenfield for having the foresight to address a need within the Village by passing the wastewater bond issue and making these improvements possible.

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, commends the Village of South Greenfield for its efforts to provide adequate sewer service to its citizens. "The partnership between the Village of South Greenfield contributing \$16,250, Missouri Department of Natural Resources supplying \$390,893 in grant funds, Missouri Department of Economic Development providing \$365,000 in grant funds, and Rural Development's funding is an excellent example of City, State, and Federal government working together for the good of rural Missourians".

Branum added, "Having an environmentally safe sewer system is an excellent example of USDA Rural Development programs assisting communities. They mirror President Bush's initiatives and exemplify the Rural Development mission - committed to the future of rural communities," Branum added. "Appreciation is extended to U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Roy Blunt for supporting USDA Rural Development."

USDA Rural Development's water and waste disposal program has loaned more than \$15 billion during the past 58 years, with a loss rate of just one-tenth of one percent. This makes it one of the most successful federal lending programs in any area of government.

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Bruce Hively, Rural Development Specialist, at 688 S State Highway B, Suite 400, Springfield MO, 65802 or by calling (417) 831-5246 extension 5 or by email to [bruce.hively@mo.usda.gov](mailto:bruce.hively@mo.usda.gov).